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1. At 4:30 p.m. on 4 June 1953, a troop train including 4 boxcars occupied by troops; and carrying 4 T-34 tanks including 3 M-13 rocket launchers; 2 vehicles, similar to M-30 rocket launchers on 2 flatcars; and an undetermined number of trucks, sedans and jeeps on 15 flatcars was seen passing through Wittstock coming from the direction of Neustrelitz and proceeding toward Wittenberge. The numbers of the motor vehicles were covered. At 4:30 p.m. on 7 June, about 25 railroad cars including 4 cars each carrying a van-like truck with grated windows; 5 cars carrying trucks, sedans and jeeps; and 5 cars each loaded with a device similar to an M-30 rocket launcher. The shipment left toward Wittenberge.

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2. At 6 p.m. on 6 June, a train including 8 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 6 SSy-type flatcars each carrying an JS-3 tank including 13 flatcars carrying 12 trucks and 1 field kitchen was seen passing through the Magdeburg-Buckau railroad station coming from the direction of Halle and proceeding toward Magdeburg. Railroad men in Magdeburg stated that numerous boxcars would be assembled for the transfer of Russian dependences, allegedly women.

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3. At 5 p.m. on 8 June, about 150 troops were loaded on 6 boxcars; and 3 trucks, 3 x 122-mm howitzers and 2 JS tanks were loaded on 5 flatcars and, at 7 p.m. on 11 June, JS-1 tanks were entrained at the Templin railroad station.

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4. Troop trains observed at the Oranienburg freight station between 7 and 10 June included:

7 June. A train of 1 coach; 8 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 9 flatcars carrying 8 trucks, 1 tank truck, 2 motorcycles and 1 field kitchen arriving at 2:05 p.m. from Neustrelitz and proceeding to Jueterbog at 3:30 p.m.

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8 June. A train including 1 boxcar occupied by an officer and 5 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and a flatcar carrying an M-13 rocket launcher

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[redacted] from Jueterbog-Altes Lager and proceeding to Neustrelitz at 11:53 a.m. The train further included 1 boxcar occupied by a VP officer and six VP personnel; and 1 flatcar carrying a light SP gun, which were detained in Oranienburg and left toward the concentration camp.

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9 June. According to a cable, a train of 12 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 40 flatcars carrying 34 trucks

[redacted] and 12 light canvas-covered AA guns leaving Templin at about 7a.m. for Wustermark. ()

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10 June. A train including 1 boxcar occupied by two officers and six EM carrying red-bordered black epaulets; and 2 flatcars carrying SU-122 guns [redacted] which arrived from Eberswalde [redacted] in Oranienburg, with the troops leaving toward the concentration camp.⁴

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5. In late May, source learned that the komendatura on Altstetter Strasse, Roedel, was headed by Lieutenant Colonel Tsaborski (fnu). The komendatura was in connection with installations in Fuerstenberg. On 19 May, 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and forming a troupe of actors arrived on bus [redacted]. Speeches held indicated that the troops belong to a tank unit.

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6. [redacted] that a new barracks construction project north 2,500,000 eastmarks was planned between Peitz and Drehnow with the Bau Union Potsdam. The construction work allegedly would start soon.

7. In late May, a construction project was determined north of Drachhausen and north of Heide in Jagen (forest section) Nos 155 through 159 in the Peitzer Forest. At present, about 800 troops from the Drewitz airfield were employed in cutting wood.⁵

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1. [redacted] Comment. These shipments the assignment of which is undetermined may have been in connection with exercises which, according to other information, started in the Blumenthal area about 6 June and presumably spread from there toward southwest. Other observations of simultaneous troop movements of the 12th Gds Tank Div and the direction from which the train on 4 June arrived vaguely indicate that units of the Second Gds Mecz Army also participated in this exercise. [redacted] It is undetermined whether the line construction from Rathenow toward Stendal which began after 9 June and presumably was performed by signal soldiers of the 9th Gds Tank Div was in connection with this exercise.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Probably a tank firing detail bound for Letzling Heath which, [redacted] may have belonged to the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army. [redacted] on 4 June, reported the entraining of a tank detail of a regiment in Glauchau. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. Presumably units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which transferred for exercises. [redacted] the entraining in Templin of an engineer shipment which possibly went to Jerichow. The units entrained on 8 June may have also been transferred to this area for special exercises.

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25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. On 7 June, probably an artillery firing detail of the 9th Gds Tank Div transferred to Jueterbog. On 8 June, a rocket launcher of the above-mentioned division, presumably returned to Neustrelitz from the rocket launcher repair shop of the CCFG in Jueterbog. The AAA shipment on 9 June probably was one of the two AAA shipments entrained in Templin on 8 June which probably went to Jueterbog with units of the 63d AAA Div (US). [REDACTED] belong to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

25X1A 5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] referred to two different construction projects from which the project north of Drachhausen was previously reported by [REDACTED] with a total cost of about 8,000,000 eastmarks. [REDACTED]. The construction projects may be new barracks installations for the 9th Mecz Div.

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